

Table B-8. Amount borrowed for undergraduate and graduate education among science and engineering master's degree recipients in 1997 and 1998, by major field of degree: April 1999

Major field of 1997-98 S&E master's degree	Total recipients	Undergraduate and graduate loan amount ¹			
		Did not borrow	\$1-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$24,999	\$25,000 or more
All science and engineering fields.....	157,000	69,200	20,100	30,800	36,900
Total science.....	110,400	43,400	14,200	22,500	30,300
Computer and information sciences.....	20,000	12,400	2,800	2,800	2,000
Life and related sciences, total.....	16,600	6,900	2,600	2,700	4,400
Agricultural and food sciences.....	2,300	S	S	S	S
Biological sciences.....	11,600	4,700	1,800	1,700	3,400
Environmental life sciences including forestry science.....	2,600	S	S	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	7,200	3,500	1,000	1,900	800
Physical and related sciences, total.....	9,100	4,200	1,300	1,900	1,700
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	3,700	2,000	S	S	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	3,000	1,100	S	900	S
Physics and astronomy.....	2,300	1,100	S	S	S
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	30,000	8,700	2,900	6,400	12,100
Social and related sciences, total.....	27,500	7,700	3,600	6,900	9,400
Economics.....	4,300	2,100	S	S	S
Political science and related sciences.....	9,400	2,200	1,400	2,000	3,800
Sociology and anthropology.....	4,300	S	S	1,800	1,600
Other social sciences.....	9,500	2,800	1,400	2,400	2,900
Total engineering.....	46,700	25,800	6,000	8,300	6,600
Aerospace and related engineering.....	1,500	900	S	S	300
Chemical engineering.....	2,300	1,200	S	500	S
Civil and architectural engineering.....	6,600	2,800	1,200	1,300	1,300
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	16,300	8,900	2,200	2,700	2,400
Industrial engineering.....	3,600	2,100	S	800	S
Mechanical engineering.....	6,800	4,100	S	1,400	S
Other engineering.....	9,600	5,800	1,200	1,500	1,200

¹ Undergraduate and graduate loan amount represents the entire amount borrowed for undergraduate and graduate degrees completed as of the reference date of the survey.

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

NOTES: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

These estimates of 1997 and 1998 college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals receiving bachelor's or master's degrees in science or engineering fields and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1999